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time of an emergency, no individuals devote their time and their energies to the comfort and safety of others with such utter disregard of themselves as do graduate nurses. These facts are well known to all active surgeons, because in the care of surgical cases, no greater burden can be put upon anyone than upon the nurse. However, we take too much for granted, and it remained for the terrible wreck at Winslow Junction to bring these facts forcibly home. The midnight flyer from Camden to Atlantic City was derailed at Winslow Junction and rolled down a thirty-foot embankment, with the result that seven were killed, and about seventy more were seriously wounded. Among the first to be notified was Miss McGurran, superintendent of the Atlantic City Hospital. By the time I arrived at the hospital, a matter of about twenty minutes, plans were already under way for the reception of the patients. The wreck occurred at about midnight. At that time there were on duty the night supervisor, four pupil nurses, and one orderly. Other graduates were called immediately. The pupil nurses and nurses' aides asked if they might be permitted to help. They were told to hold themselves in readiness for second call, which came fifteen minutes later. Before the arrival of the patients, all empty beds were listed, cots were arranged, blankets, hot water bottles and other equipment were taken from storage; pupils and graduates worked hand in hand, preparing beds, splints, bandages and other dressings. An abundance of extra supplies were given out and dressing tables were arranged throughout the house. The operating rooms were prepared for any emergency operation that might be necessary, the nurses scrubbed, and the anesthetist ready to begin work. Stretchers were procured and made up with blankets and hot water bottles, and hot coffee was prepared, so that after two hours' hard work we were fully prepared to take care of the wounded, who arrived at 4 o'clock. They were brought to the hospital in ambulances, taxicabs and private cars. Within about ten minutes, sixty-two wounded were at our doors. All patients upon arrival were tagged, given a hypodermic, if necessary, and then sent to the floor. The morale of the injured was by far the best I

have ever seen. There was not a cry, and each seemed as anxious for his fellow's comfort as for his own. In the meantime many nurses on special duty had been released by their patients, the nurses' registry sent extra nurses, and one nurse who was on her vacation responded. Due to the indefatigable work of the nurses, all patients were in bed, had been rendered first aid, and made comfortable within one hour after admission. During the day more nurses were employed so that each patient practically had a special nurse until we were certain that their injuries did not warrant it. Only one death occurred in the hospital, and only two cases came to operation. At the end of the third week, all but two of the injured had left the hospital. The surgical department feels very much gratified at the excellent results obtained, but we have not lost sight of the fact that it was because of the hearty co-operation of the nursing profession of Atlantic City that we achieved such good results.

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A CORRECTION: Mrs. Beatrice V. Stevenson of Brooklyn, N. Y., calls our attention to an error on page 1095 of the September JOURNAL. She did not send a letter, but a copy of a bill introduced by Senator William M. Calder (S. 3629), "granting relief to Red Cross nurses who served with the Army or Navy of the United States in the War with Spain or the Philippine Insurrection." She suggests that any of these nurses in aid of relief to which they would be entitled under this bill should communicate with Senator Calder.